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Acting Chief, Field Operations Staff

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1. East, Coast Bureau Spanish monitor [] departed 1 August for Panama to assist the Post to better cover news and comment broadcast on the IA/ECOSOC conference at Punta Del Este, Uruguay. He will remain in Panama until 17 August, returning by way of the Key West Post where he will remain for two weeks to permit [] to take two weeks annual leave.

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2. As an initial step in increasing the Panama Post coverage of Latin American broadcasts the Post hired two Spanish monitors and a teletypist during the month. An editor will be assigned to the Post in early fall to permit the establishment of an evening shift.

3. [], East Coast Bureau French monitor will depart 6 September for Kaduna, Nigeria. He will remain there for approximately three months to assist in the training of monitors recruited for the African Bureau.

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